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NIGHT ADVANCE IN GRAZING FEES

Commencing April 1 of this year a slight increase in the grazing fees becomes effective. The yearly rate for cattle is advanced five cents per head, with short seasons in proportion, while in the case of sheep the charge on the shorter seasons goes up from three quarters to two cents per head, the annual rate remaining as heretofore. This change is for the purpose of standardizing the rates throughout the country not only between various classes of stock but also between different seasons, so that each will bear a practically fixed relation to the other.

It is generally admitted by stock men that the rates charged for grazing on national forests is much below the actual commercial value of the range and even as conditions now stand, stockmen are paying only a portion of the cost of administration which, considering the benefits derived from the use of the protected range, is only fair that they should pay. The price charged for the grazing of stock on national forests as compared with Indian reservations, state lands or private lands is very low, or about one-third. Furthermore, the fees are lower in Arizona and New Mexico than in other parts of the United States. Stockmen on the forests where increases are the most apparent have been paying less in proportion than those on other forests, and in the case of the Tusayan sheepmen holding permits for the shorter seasons have been actually getting off easier than those holding annual permits.

The rates for sheep grazing are ordinarily 30 per cent of the rates for cattle and, while sheep actually may consume less feed than one third of that demanded by a cow, yet, sheep being closely herded, do considerably more damage in tramping out the forage as well as by browsing young trees. The percentage of natural increase in the case of sheep is also far greater than in cattle and all such increase, when under six months old, is allowed to enter the forest free of charge. Lambs also require more feed than calves.

This adjustment of the grazing fees was fully explained to representatives of the stockmen at a meeting held in Washington before the plan was adopted and it is approved by a majority of the body, Arizona being represented. Under these conditions it is not considered that any great hardship is being worked upon the grazing industry, although it is unfortunate

ate that unfavorable weather conditions on the desert should have occurred this winter. While such factors have a very material effect upon the profits from sheep grazing, yet they cannot in any way be considered to control the value of grazing privileges upon national forests.

Rifle Club

Last Sunday the Williams Rifle club held its inaugural shoot, which was attended by a large number of contestants.

The regulation military target, at 200 yards, was used on the range for the first time, and the shooters enthusiastically declared that it was a great improvement over the targets previously used by the club.

Four of the new members had not shot at a range before and their total score, therefore, was considered excellent, especially that of Lindgren and Kirkpatrick, the latter piercing the bull's eye at the first shot.

C. W. Orrt was credited with two bulls, but was noted out from first place by Dr. Melick, whose total was two points higher. Although the doctor did not get a bullseye, nearly every shot was just outside the black.

W. D. Finney and Al Lebsch also were credited with bulls.

After the rifle shoot, the members of the shotgun club held their practice shoot, and despite the strong wind which prevailed during the afternoon, excellent scores were made.

The official rifle score follows, ten shots per man, best possible score 50:

C. W. Orrt.....	35H. Yoder.....	25
W. E. Oswal.....	24W. D. Finney.....	26
G. B. Kirkpatrick.....	34L. B. Snow.....	22
F. Lindgren.....	32S. A. Boentsch.....	18
C. Wade.....	34Al Lebsch.....	33
L. Button.....	30P. A. Melick.....	37

Steeves Wilson Election Contest

Superior Judge Perkins decided the election contest of Steeves vs. Wilson for the county attorneyship, in favor of Wilson. Judge Steeves contested the election of C. B. Wilson on the ground that Wilson's name was not on the great register, and therefore not eligible to hold the office of county attorney. Mr. Steeves gave notice of an appeal to the supreme court.

Mr. Steeves claims that the decision of Judge Perkins is directly contrary to that of Attorney General Wright, and contrary to what was held to be the necessary qualification of a voter at the general election.

I. P. McConkey is rushing the work on his cottage and expects to have it finished by April 1st. Contractor Boulton is doing the work.

NEWSY NOTES FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

[Special Correspondence.]

Phoenix at the present time is a live town. All the hotels are taxed to their full capacity to accommodate the guests that are coming from all parts of the new state—some on business, but a large percent are here merely to see the mills of the new legislature grind out the laws under which we are to live in future.

The supreme court was organized and held its first session at 10 a.m. Monday. Quite a number of lawyers were present from all parts of the state, but the session was short, after which it adjourned and turned the court room over to the Arizona Bar association, this being the first meeting of the State Bar association of Arizona. After some preliminary business was transacted, a political scheme was injected into it, and the name of Judge Sloan was brought up and the association was asked to endorse him for federal judge. Some of the leading members of the association objected, but a vote was taken and the endorsement was carried.

The senate was organized at 11 a.m. Judge Hectman of Globe called the senate to order. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Crutchfield. Senator Wood of Maricopa then put in nomination Judge Hectman for temporary president of the senate. A committee on credentials was then appointed, and after a favorable report as to all the members, Chief Justice Alfred Franklin was then ushered in and administered the oath to the first state senate of Arizona. Senator M. G. Cunningham of Yavapai county was then elected president of the senate. The senate then adjourned. Tuesday was devoted to the selection of committees and other business of minor importance.

At 12 m., A. A. Moore of Yavapai called the house to order. A. R. Lynch of Globe was selected as temporary chairman. Rev. Thornton offered prayer, and the house immediately proceeded to business. Hon. Sam. Bradner of Cochise was elected speaker of the house. Ben L. Thum was elected chief clerk. Chief Justice Franklin administered the oath of office. A recess was then taken and the remainder of the day and Tuesday was devoted to the appointment of committees and other minor work.

The governor delivered his message in the house chambers at 3 p.m. Monday, the senate and house being in joint session, and the galleries and all available space in hearing distance being crowded to its utmost capacity. The message was very long, but was full of deep thought, and anyone who heard it, or who in the future reads it, must certainly be impressed that it ranks at the top of state papers and places Gov. Hunt in the front rank of progressive statesmen of the day, and if his suggestions are carried out we will undoubtedly have one of the finest code of laws of any state in the land.

Attempted Suicide.

Passengers on delayed train No. 1, which arrived in Williams at about 9:20 last Sunday morning had an exciting time with a crazy man on the train, who was laboring under the impression that enemies were following him to kill him. He made several unsuccessful attempts to kill himself with a pocket knife, but succeeded only in cutting himself severely in several different places, one cut in the throat being a pretty serious one. Marshal Patterson was wired to meet the train and take him off which he did and under the impression that he was being taken to a hotel he walked calmly to the

jail. Upon being locked up, however, he repeated his attempts at suicide, by butting his head and face against the jail bars and he was calmed with difficulty.

Sunday night he was taken to Flagstaff to the hospital by deputy sheriff Geo. Patten and constable Postle.

He gave his name to Marshal Patterson as Wm. Bacus, saying his home was at Forest City, Mo., and he was on his way to Los Angeles having a ticket to that point from Oklahoma City. He also was well provided with money, having about \$383 on his person. It is to be hoped that his derangement will prove only temporary.

Farewell Card Party

Mrs. Fred Shaw, of Hotel Fray Marcos, gave the Ladies' Card club of Williams a farewell party last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Shaw has been secretary of the club for the past eight months. It was a most pleasant affair and was attended by all the members of the club. A dainty regulation Fray Marcos lunch was served.

Those present were: Mesdames Buggeln, Dermont, Finney, Adams, Barney, Kennedy, G. Rounsville, Williams, M. J. Rounsville, Johnson, A. G. Rounsville and Shaw. Regrets were expressed by all at the departure of Mrs. Shaw but all joined in wishing her happiness in her new home.

One of the largest and most entertaining Hearts parties of the social season took place last Saturday evening at the residence Mrs. Martin Buggeln. The party was given in honor of St. Patrick by Mrs. Buggeln and Miss Lava Sughrue. The Buggeln home was artistically decorated with shamrocks, twelve tables were set and daintily decorated for the occasion. About sixty persons participated in the festivities. During the evening the assembled guests listened to some very harmonious music and enjoyed a dainty lunch.

One of the most enjoyable society events that has taken place in Williams this winter was given by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wentle last Monday, at their beautiful home, which was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. The invitations sent out by Mr. and Mrs. Wentle announced a "Mum party" and the young lady recipients were informed that a gentleman would call for and escort her to the party. Several new games were played during the evening and most enchanting music was furnished by Miss Vogel, after which refreshments were served. Among those present at the happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Nordyke, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Barclay, Misses Anna Barney, Minnie Watson, Bertha Peet, Ruth Vogel, Jennie Daggis, Rose Terry, Lava Sughrue, Messrs. C. Elliott, Lester Snow, Sam Degering, Olie Prevez, Jerrie Lee, Adolph Boentsch and Roy Watson.

A Versatile Cuss

Episcopal services were held at the Fray Marcos on Tuesday night and it was well attended. Rev. Meade officiating, with Deacon Shaw ably assisting. By the way, it is remarkable, this versatility of of Brother Shaw. From base ball pitcher, last summer, he plays the role in winter as Deacon and the last that we hear is that he "cleaned" Martin Buggeln and Ed Johnson in a pool tournament.

He is now promoted to Relief Manager on the entire Harvey System, and will travel all over the line. This is right next to the Superintendent. We wish him all luck, and hope he may be able to drop off often and see us.

JUDGE E. M. DOE SELECTED AS COUNSEL

Coconino County, Ariz., March 16
Pursuant to call, a special meeting of the board of supervisors was held by agreement March 17. Present, Chairman H. J. Gray, Members R. F. Bongberg, P. M. Shafer, District Attorney C. B. Wilson and Clerk Brownell.

Upon motion made by Gray, seconded by Bongberg, the following resolutions were carried unanimously:

Whereas, In the case of Duffield vs. H. F. Ashurst, as district attorney for Coconino county, and appeal has been taken from the judgment of the supreme court of Arizona, in favor of Coconino county and against the plaintiff; and

Whereas, The plaintiff and appellant has prepared said appeal and served brief upon said appeal; and

Whereas, For the protection of the interests of Coconino county in the matter of said litigation, to wit: the ownership of the Bright Angel toll trail, it is necessary that prompt action be taken in behalf of the county; and

Whereas, Edward M. Doe has especial familiarity with the question of law therein involved, having conducted all the litigation concerning said trail heretofore on behalf of the county and without any compensation from the county; and

Whereas, The said Edward M. Doe is willing to represent the county, in the conduct of said case, upon said appeal, in consideration of a retainer of \$750, his necessary expenses and a contingent fee of \$1250 additional, to be paid in event of a final determination of said case in favor of the defendant and appellee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the said Edward M. Doe be and is hereby retained as special counsel in the further conduct of said case and be paid therefor, as a retainer, \$750; that his necessary expenses, including his traveling expenses, be allowed by the county and that no further compensation should be paid to said E. M. Doe for his services unless the said case should be finally determined in favor of the defendant and appellee therein; but that in event of such favorable determination of said case in favor of the said defendant and appellee, the said E. M. Doe shall be paid by the county of Coconino the further sum of \$1250, as full compensation and the said Doe hereby agrees to all of said terms and conditions and agrees to render his said services upon said terms and conditions.

A FARMERS' INSTITUTE TO BE HELD IN WILLIAMS

A Farmers' Institute will be held in Williams on Monday, April 1st, at the opera house. The meeting will be addressed by A. M. McOmie, of the Arizona Agricultural Experiment Station. Mr. McOmie will spend one day in Williams, and if it is possible will deliver an address in the afternoon. Among the subjects which he will discuss are: Dry farming, stock raising, dairying, irrigation, farm management, pumping plants, gardening, insect pests, and alfalfa culture. His principal address will be on the subject of "Dry Farm Crops and Machinery."

The above subject should prove very interesting and instructive to our farmers, and no doubt the attendance will be large.

The farmers of this section are just beginning to branch out in dry farming, and they should not miss this opportunity of hearing Mr. McOmie, who has made the subject a life study. He well says: "This class of farming is your only hope for agricultural development, but in it you have many possibilities."

It would not be a bad idea for our farmers to induce Mr. McOmie to stop over here for a few days and have him make an inspection of the lands surrounding Williams and give them a few instructions in dry farming. Everything depends upon getting the right kind of a start if success is to be attained.

Every indication points to a prosperous year for the farmers in this vicinity, but if they do not understand the right way to conserve the moisture in the ground, their work will bring them little return. A few dollars expended wisely at the beginning will be worth thousands of dollars to them a few years hence.

Come out to the lectures and bring your family with you. All are cordially invited and urged to be present.

The election for a school trustee for this district will take place next Saturday, March 30. The term of W. D. Finney expires. So far there is only one candidate for the place, John S. Campbell.

Signers: H. J. Gray, chairman; P. M. Shafer, member; R. F. Bongberg, member; Edward M. Doe, Counsel.

The appointment of N. G. Layton, as deputy Clerk of the Supreme Court to act without compensation during the absence of C. H. Adams, Clerk of Court was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Announcement



The Easter Millinery opening
commences today

at the

Racket Store

A souvenir will be given

each caller

WORDS, like best quality, can be
used rightly or wrongly to describe
any groceries or grocer.

The real significance of the term itself, however, is not in the dictionary, but in the store itself. It means nothing to say Hill & Kennedy's is the best place in town to trade, but it does mean something to know it through personal experience. You are invited to open an account with us, that you may see for yourself. The fineness of your taste will afford the best proof of Hill & Kennedy's supremacy

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